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In re application of: Mitsuru KANEKO

Application No.: 10/085,728

Group No.: 1734

Filed: 02/28/2002

Examiner: Brenda A. Lamb

For: CONTINUOUS CERAMIC COMPOSITE PLATING

METHOD AND APPRATUS FOR LONG DOCTOR BASE MATERIALS

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Commissioner for Patents

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1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment after non-final rejection (37 C.F.R. 1.111) for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is a small entity.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.8(a) and 1.10\*

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### EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

### FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

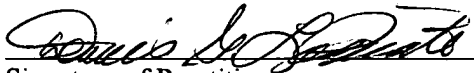
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Dear Sir:

In response to the (NON-FINAL) Examiner's Action mailed October 7, 2003 (Paper No. Not Designated), having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire January 7, 2004, the above-identified patent application is amended as follows: